

Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area

BIG. WILD. UNDISCOVERED.

Lake Berryessa is familiar to many people. But did you know that it is surrounded by the Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area (BRBNA), which includes half a million acres of the wildest land in Central California? This beautiful and rugged landscape has two new, federally-designated wilderness areas, 40 miles of state Wild and Scenic River, and is home to bald eagles, bears, tule elk, and mountain lions. For the 7 million people within one hundred miles of the Blue Ridge Berryessa mountains, it's a natural treasure waiting to be found.

AS BIG AS YOSEMITE.

At almost 800,000 acres, the BRBNA is actually a bit larger than the famous national park. From Mendocino National Forest in the north, it stretches southward 80 miles, almost to I-80 in Solano County. From the Sacramento Valley on the east, it extends westward over 20 miles to Clear Lake and to the Napa Valley.

WILD AS CAN BE.

The BRBNA is breathtakingly remote - only a few roads traverse its vast reaches. Half of its lands are publicly owned, the rest are mostly private ranchlands. This wild and working landscape is ranked as one of the most biologically diverse places in the United States, supporting large mammals, eagles, hawks and other birds, and large numbers of other animals. It also has unusual concentrations of undisturbed native vegetation, including oak woodlands, grasslands, chaparral and rare serpentine habitat.

UNDISCOVERED.

Boating and picnicking at Lake Berryessa and raft trips along Cache Creek are familiar to many people. But beyond these places lie great opportunities to get completely away from crowds, to take in majestic views of hundreds of miles of dramatic scenery, and to enjoy outstanding hiking, biking, and even kayaking. The BRBNA has plenty to offer those seeking a quieter, wilder place to recreate.

CLOSE TO HOME.

From downtown Sacramento, it's a 45 minute drive to the heart of the BRBNA, and from the central Bay Area, it's less than two hours. Day trips are easy to make, compared to the long drives needed to get into other mountainous areas of California.



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The BRBNA Conservation Partnership is a voluntary, non-governmental association that promotes the conservation and enhancement of lands in the BRBNA by encouraging sensitive management of its natural resources. Through collaborative efforts among 100 groups the BRBNA conducts research, education and other projects to promote the best future for the Blue Ridge Berryessa area. We would like to thank all who have participated in recreation planning, especially the UC Davis Information Center for the Environment, YoloHikers, Berryessa Trails and Conservation, Andrew Fulks, Carol Kunze, Jake Mann, and Robert Thayer. Funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Resources Legacy Fund Foundation made this project possible, with special support from the National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program.

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